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Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 28th , 2024

Welcome and Announcements

*\*Please stand*

Trinity Chimes

**Prelude** *Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Me*

arr. Gary Lanier

Rudy & Carole Rostash, Clarinets

\*Call to Worship

Easter people, we have been saved by the Risen Christ, the life-giving Vine.

We abide in Love, the life-giving Vine.

We are branches of the Vine—sustained, nurtured, and pruned by Love.

We have no life apart from Love, the life-giving Vine.

When we make our home in the Vine, and the Vine makes a home in us, we bear the fruit of Love.

We produce the fruit of Love, the life-giving Vine.

Easter people, how shall we bear the fruit of Love, the life-giving Vine?

We will love and learn to love as we rest, play, work, and build community with God and one another.

Amen.

**\*Hymn of Praise** 662 *Stand Up and Bless the Lord*

ST. MICHAEL

1. Stand up and bless the Lord,

ye people of his choice;

stand up and bless the Lord your God

with heart and soul and voice.

2. Though high above all praise,

above all blessing high,

who would not fear his holy name,

and laud and magnify.

3. O for the living flame

from his own altar brought,

to touch our lips, our minds inspire,

and wing to heaven our thought!

4. God is our strength and song,

and his salvation ours;

then be his love in Christ proclaimed

with all our ransomed powers.

5. Stand up and bless the Lord;

the Lord your God adore;

stand up and bless his glorious name,

henceforth forevermore.

Opening Prayer

Holy Spirit, work in our lives. Bring us love, joy,

peace, and patience. Make us kind, good, faithful,

and gentle. Teach us self-control. Show us how to

serve you better in all that we do. Help us to always

remain connected to the vine. Amen.

**Responsive Reading** Psalm 22 25-31

**“**From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

**my vows I will pay before those who fear him.**

The poor shall eat and be satisfied;

**those who seek him shall praise the Lord.**

**May your hearts live for ever!**

All the ends of the earth shall remember

and turn to the Lord;

**and all the families of the nations**

**shall worship before the Lord.**

For dominion belongs to the Lord

who rules over the nations.

**All who sleep in the earth**

**Shall bow down to the Lord.**

All who go down to the dust shall bow before the Lord, and I shall live for God.

**Posterity shall serve the Lord;**

Each generation shall tell of the Lord,

And proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn.

**Surely the Lord has done it.**

Childrens Moment

*All Children are invited to come up to the front and afterword go to Sunday School*

Music of Preparation *The Greatest of These*

Alejandro D. Consolacion II

The Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 5:20-31

Acts 8:26-40

Sermon Preparing for the Harvest!

**Music of Response**

Prayers of the People

For all the blessings of this life,

we give thanks to You, Creator God.

For families, friends, colleagues, neighbors, and strangers,

who nurture us, that the love of God may grow within.

That Your love, your Word, like a seed,

may grow to produce in us, good fruit.

May your love be like a seed, taking root and growing strong.

For the leaders of various nations and cities,

that they may lead with strong hearts and gentle hands and generous spirits,

with compassion and mercy, with wisdom and grace. May they reflect your will guiding all their actions and decisions.

May your love be like a seed, taking root and growing strong.

For those who serve in harms way,

those who live in dangerous places,

those who live in areas of war and strife,

those who live in fear,

those who worry about employment, bills, food,

and struggle just to find dignity in life.

May your grace bring peace and safety to all people, one to another.

May your love be like a seed, taking root and growing strong.

For those who suffer from any illness or dis-ease—

of mind, body, or spirit.

Restore these, and all those we carry in our hearts, to fullness of health—

health as only you, O God, can bring.

May your mercy shower each of us with healing mercy and love.

May your love be like a seed, taking root and growing strong.

For those who are dying, and for those who have died. Send forth your comforting love.

Give solace to those who mourn.

Console those who grieve.

May your grace surround us

like a mantle upon our heads,

a shawl upon our shoulders,

a hand, to hold our hand.

May your love be like a seed, taking root and growing strong.

Amen

Confession and Pardon

We come to the table of our Lord recognizing our need for divine grace. In humility, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Merciful God, we confess that we do not want to be challenged by the cross. We set our minds on human things—we long for the security from our possessions; we prefer our own comfort; Forgive us, we pray. May our sense of self preservation be disturbed by your Son's example; that we might take up his cross in service to the world; through Jesus Christ our

Lord. Amen.

Silence

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners. The Mighty One has sent his deliverance for all people; even the generations yet unborn. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

\*Passing of the Peace

Invitation to Offering

**Offertory** *Here is Love* arr. Wilson

Rudy & Carole Rostash, Clarinets

\*Doxology 94 *Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here be low: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up lifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\*Offertory Prayer

**\*Sending Hymn** 571 *Go, Make of All Disciples*

LANCASHIRE

1. “Go, make of all disciples.” We hear the call, O Lord, that comes from thee, our Father, in thy eternal Word. Inspire our ways of learning through earnest, fervent prayer, and let our daily living reveal thee everywhere.

2. “Go, make of all disciples,” baptizing in the name of Father, Son, and Spirit, from age to age the same. We call each new disciple to follow thee, O Lord, redeeming soul and body by water and the Word.

3. “Go, make of all disciples.” We at thy feet would stay until each life’s vacation accents thy holy way. We cultivate the nature God plants in every heart, revealing in our witness the master teacher’s art.

4. “Go, make of all disciples.” We welcome thy command. “Lo, I am with you always.” We take thy guiding hand. The task looms large before us; we follow without fear, in heaven and earth thy power shall bring God’s kingdom here.

Benediction

And now my brothers and sisters in Christ let us continue to choose to sow the good seeds of faith in our God, charity for our neighbors, and the greatest my friends, is to sow seeds of Love to every person we meet and in the end we shall reap a good and plentiful harvest. And let All God’s people Shout

AMEN.

**Postlude**  *Rise Up, O Men of God* arr. McMichale

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Stephen Minister: Georgia Carmichael

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“There is a Fountain Filled with Blood”

Words: William Cowper, ca. 1771 (Zech. 13:1)

“Go, Make of all Desciples”

Words: Leon M Adkins, 1955, alt. (Mt. 28:19-20)

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